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From: Tulis, Dana
Sent: Fri 10/9/2015 6:57:51 PM
Subject: Fwd: Draft Durango ICP Staffing Transition Doc

Hi, ignore all the back n forth, just wanted you to see the messaging.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Date: October 9, 2015 at 2:26:45 PM EDT
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Here's an updated version with some slight tweaks to Dana's edits.

Adding Earl and Lee for OGC review. Once they've reviewed I'll run this up the OPS chain.

The water and sediment impacted by the Aug. 5 Gold King Mine release are now being maintained at pre-event conditions, and construction is underway for a water treatment facility to manage water quality over the winter. As the agency transitions from emergency response to long-term **mitigation**, the Incident Command (IC) staff **will gradually demobilize and close by the end of this month**. Regional and Headquarters staff have already assumed most of the long-term **response** roles. **They are now finalizing the conceptual** monitoring plan for the Gold King Mine and **working** with the San Juan Basin Health Department to ensure drinking water well quality. **Regional staff will also continue to coordinate with local, state, and tribal nations and conduct in-person visits to**

impacted communities to ensure close consultation on these long-term efforts.

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From: Tulis, Dana

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 1:51 PM

To: Lee, Eugene; StClair, Christie; EOC_Manager,; EOC Public Information

Cc: Cheatham, Reggie; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh; Bowles, Jack

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Okay, OGC can look at the final statement, coming in a moment for you to send.

Jack, we will also need notification to states/locals.

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From: Lee, Eugene

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 1:49 PM

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No edits from me, but just so you know I checked in with OGC and Earl and Lee are in the office today to review any GKM materials if needed.

You can send to them directly or I can run it by them.

Just let me know.

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From: StClair, Christie

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 1:44 PM

To: Tulis, Dana; Lee, Eugene; EOC_Manager,; EOC Public Information

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Thanks, Dana. I'm not sure what you mean by "demobilized through the end of October." Do you mean, "will be fully demobilized by the end of October"?

I don't think we need to post this. I particularly don't think it's appropriate to talk about messaging challenges in external-facing documents. This statement would be provided upon request only. We don't ever get media questions on incident command, incidentally. I expect a couple questions from the Silverton Standard or the Durango Herald, but that's likely it.

Does anyone else on this thread want to provide edits before I get OPS approval?

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Thank you, are you envisioning we would post the Staffing Plan? Some of these issues are also being worked out still, such as the San Juan Basin issue. See my edits. Also, I think this would be posted Tuesday, and we probably need to share the messaging on up the leadership chain or would you do that through OPA? I believe Melissa is out. My edits are in bold.

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From: StClair, Christie

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 1:15 PM

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I made a couple very light edits to the document, attached. Here's a draft desk statement for external communications:

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Christie, have you had a chance to start messaging this yet.

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From: Barry, Michael

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 6:03 PM

To: Tulis, Dana; Lee, Eugene; EOC_Manager,; StClair, Christie

Cc: Cheatham, Reggie; Irizarry, Gilberto; Levine, Carolyn; Ostrander, David

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Hi all,

Here is a slightly revised draft, non are critical items I think

- [REDACTED] I signed it
- [REDACTED] Called it Interim Draft
- [REDACTED] Cleaned up a few typos
- [REDACTED] Altered last bullet of the ES to refer to “appropriate levels of the EPA” doing the messaging. The previous draft implied that the ICP would do all of this, which isn’t the case.
- [REDACTED] Added a further qualifier that the messaging points haven’t yet been edited by any PIO staff

Attached is a word version and the pdf version with both references attached.

Note: Bcc’d to Durango ICP for Distribution

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9/24 – 10/8/2015:

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Gold King Mine Response

Durango, CO

Travel on 10/9 to Permanent Duties:

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From: Tulis, Dana

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 2:02 PM

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Folks, see the attached transition plan below. Mathy has approved for us to go forward on messaging for this with support from the Regions. Christie, please take the lead for that.

Mike Barry developed the plan. This takes us from the ICP back to region 8.

Eugene, not sure who is staffing from OCIR but we need help in developing a plan to reach out to the states and local's working with the regions.

Also adding in Carolyn Levine for awareness.

Thanks all.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov>
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Folks,

Mike Barry did a great job of staffing the transition plan from the ICP back to R8. We are recommending the next IC be from R8 to facilitate the transition back to Region 8. You will see in the plan below, that there will be presence in the ICP through the end of October. Mike can walk you through this on the 3 pm EST call tomorrow.

Mike is working on a turnover checklist and directed all the ICP to create a turnover checklist for their positions and this will be part of the demob plan. This is intended more for a smooth transition to the normal R8 program offices than face to face turnovers in the ICP.

Mike also recommends he name one of his EPA staff an "Incident Commander's Representative; since it may be difficult to get him relief here before he leave at 0800 Friday and there likely is no real need for the incoming IC to be there over the weekend. This would provide continuity and a single POC for the ICP.

Thanks all,

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